Implementation of NETCOF scheme

2511. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Non-conventional Energy Technology Commercialization Fund (NETCOF) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details, alongwith the objectives thereof;

(c) the number of non-conventional energy technologies financed and successfully commercialized under the scheme during the last three years; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The Non-conventional Energy Technology Commercialization Fund (NETCOF), was created by the Ministry during 2000-2001, with an objective to support commercialization of indigenous or imported technologies through equity, loan, etc. or a suitable mix of these.

(c) and (d) No proposal was received under the scheme and the scheme was discontinued during 2004-05.

Oil and gas reserves explored by ONGC

†2512. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stale:

(a) the oil/gas reserves explored by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation during the last three years;

(b) the details of oil/gas reserves explored by the private sector companies during the said period;

(c) whether a biased attitude is being adopted in exploration of oil /gas reserves, in order to benefit the private sector at the cost of public sector companies;

(d) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) In place oil and gas reserves explored by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in last three years *i.e.* from 2006-07 to 2008-09 are 636.54 million metric tonne oil equivalent (MMTOE).

(b) In place oil and gas reserves explored by Private/JV companies in last three years *i.e.* from 2006-07 to 2008-09 are 222.60 million metric tonne oil equivalent (MMTOE).

(c) Government of India awards exploration blocks on international competitive bid basis to national oil companies *viz.*, ONGC and OIL, as well as to private and foreign companies through a

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